

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of protecting an apparatus from radio frequency interference in a predetermined radio frequency band, comprising, at a policing terminal,

detecting the presence of a radio terminal operable to generate interference in the predetermined radio frequency band in accordance with a first predetermined signalling protocol, and

~~transmitting a first signal matched to a characteristic of in accordance with the first predetermined signalling protocol and at a time selected to interfere with only a portion of a transmission made by the radio terminal,~~

wherein, in response to receiving ~~transmitting~~ the first signal, the radio terminal is inhibited as a source of interference;

~~wherein the matching of the first signal to a characteristic of the first predetermined signalling protocol comprises timing the transmission of the first signal to interfere with at least a portion of a transmission made by the radio terminal in accordance with the first predetermined signalling protocol.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein detecting the presence of the radio terminal comprises detecting a second signal transmitted by the radio terminal in accordance with the first predetermined signalling protocol.

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein transmission of the second signal is responsive to a third signal transmitted by the policing terminal.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the first signal ~~matched to a characteristic of the first predetermined signalling protocol~~

~~comprises~~includes a message selected from the first predetermined signalling~~signaling~~ protocol.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the message ~~is~~includes a command to disconnect from a communication.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the portion is at least one of a preamble, ~~synchronisation~~synchronization word, address field or header field.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the first predetermined signalling~~signaling~~ protocol is a networking protocol, the policing terminal is equipped to operate in accordance with the first predetermined signalling~~signaling~~ protocol, and the policing terminal joins a network comprising the radio terminal prior to transmitting the message.

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the policing terminal becomes a master station in the network prior to transmitting the message.

10. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein detecting the presence of the radio terminal comprises detecting from the second signal the address of the radio terminal.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein detecting the presence of the radio terminal comprises determining a frequency hop sequence in use by the radio terminal.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the first signal is

modulated with noise.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the policing terminal is a component of the apparatus being protected

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the apparatus is equipped to operate in accordance with a second predetermined signalling protocol.

15. (Currently Amended) The policing terminal (PT) for protecting an apparatus from radio frequency interference in a predetermined radio frequency band, comprising means for detecting the presence of a radio terminal operable to generate interference in the predetermined radio frequency band in accordance with a first predetermined signalling protocol, and means for transmitting a first signal in accordance with~~matched to a characteristic of~~ the first predetermined signalling protocol to inhibit the radio terminal as a source of interference,

wherein the means for transmitting the first signal in accordance with~~matched to a characteristic of~~ the first predetermined signalling protocol is adapted to transmit the first signal concurrently with ~~at least~~^{only} a portion of a transmission made by the radio terminal in accordance with the first predetermined signalling protocol.

16. (Currently Amended) The policing terminal of claim 15, wherein the means for detecting the presence of the radio terminal is adapted to detect a second signal transmitted by the radio terminal ~~(16)~~ in accordance with the first predetermined signalling protocol.

17. (previously presented) The policing terminal of claim 16, comprising means for transmitting a third signal for eliciting transmission of the second signal.

18. (Currently Amended) The policing terminal of claim 15, wherein the means for transmitting the first signal matched to a characteristic of the first predetermined signalling protocol is adapted to transmit a message selected from the first predetermined signalling protocol.

19. (Currently Amended) The policing terminal of claim 18, wherein the message is includes a command to disconnect from a communication.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) The policing terminal of claim 15, wherein the portion is at least one of a preamble, synchronization word, address field or header field.

22. (Currently Amended) The policing terminal of claim 18, wherein the first predetermined signalling protocol is a networking protocol, the policing terminal comprises means for operating in accordance with the first predetermined signalling protocol, and the means for operating is adapted to join a network comprising the radio terminal prior to transmission of the message.

23. (Currently Amended) The policing terminal of claim 22, wherein the means for operating in accordance with the first predetermined signalling protocol is adapted to become a master station in the network prior to transmission of the message.

24. (previously presented) The policing terminal of claim 16, wherein means for detecting the presence of the radio terminal is adapted to determine from the second signal the address of the radio terminal.

25. (previously presented) The policing terminal of claim 16, wherein the

means for detecting the presence of the radio terminal is adapted to determine a frequency hop sequence in use by the radio terminal.

26. (previously presented) The policing terminal of claim 15, wherein the means for transmitting the first signal is adapted to modulate the first signal with noise.

27. (previously presented) An electronic apparatus comprising the policing terminal of claim 15.

28. (Currently Amended) A wireless network operable in accordance with a second ~~signalling~~ protocol and comprising the policing terminal of claim 15.